

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TIBETAN NATIONAL UPRISING DAY MARCH 10, 2018

- WHEREAS,** March 10, 2018 marks the 59th Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising when Tibetans took to the streets of Lhasa to protest China's invasion and occupation of Tibet; and
- WHEREAS,** March 10, 2018 also marks the 10th anniversary of the 2008 mass, peaceful uprising throughout Tibet. This uprising was a critical moment in Tibet's history of resistance; reawakening a new generation of activists both inside occupied Tibet and outside, and
- WHEREAS,** Despite China's best efforts to assimilate and wipe out Tibetan identity and its culture, Tibetan resistance continues non-violently to this day; and
- WHEREAS,** The occupation and ongoing suppression of human rights and freedom in Tibet and the degradation of Tibetan culture and identity should continue to be a concern for all freedom-loving people everywhere; and
- WHEREAS,** His Holiness the Dalai Lama, is a global icon of compassion and peace and the heart and soul for Tibetans world-wide; and,
- WHEREAS,** Our vibrant Tibetan American community of Western Massachusetts has made tremendous contributions to the City of Northampton's society and culture; and
- THEREFORE:** I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton do hereby proclaim March 10th, 2018 to be:

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and urge all the citizens of Northampton to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.



In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz